



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/586,641  
Applicant(s): Hirokatsu SHIMADA  
For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD  
TO CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO  
WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS ARE  
CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT TO PERFORM SAID CONTROL  
Confirmation No.: 7764  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/02070  
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Examiner: Thierry L. Pham

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**RESPONSE**

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004, which provides for a response period ending September 7, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action for one additional month to October 10, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.